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NAKAMURA ET AL.

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PURIFYING AIR USED IN CRYOGENIC  
AIR SEPARATION

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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
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**Sir:**

The Office Action mailed January 15, 2004 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.